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SUBJECT: JAPANESE DOCUMENTS AND PUBLICATIONS IN THE
UNITED STATES

REF: TOKYO 3927

SUMMARY: GOJ SURVEY TEAM HAS COMPLETED PRELIMINARY
SEARCH OF U. S. LIBRARY AND ARCHIVAL INSTITUTIONS FOR
MISSING OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS. ALTHOUGH MOST
DOCUMENTS ON GOJ LIST REMAIN MISSING, PROCEDURES WHICH
MAY LEAD TO THE RETURN OF A FEW DOCUMENTS RECENTLY DIS-
COVERED ARE UNDERWAY. FURTHER CONSIDERATION WILL BE
REQUIRED HERE AND IN TOKYO REGARDING ACCESS TO RESTRICTED
COLLECTIONS, AND REGARDING US RECORD COLLECTIONS CON-
TAINING NON- OFFICIAL JAPANESE LITERATURE. END SUMMARY.

1. JAPANESE EMBASSY POLITICAL COUNSELLOR MURATA
CALLED ON COUNTRY DIRECTOR MARCH 27 TO ANNOUNCE
THAT HE WAS UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO OPEN FORMAL NEGOTI-
ATIONS WITH THE U. S. FOR THE RETURN OF CERTAIN GOJ
DOCUMENTS WHICH WERE REMOVED FROM JAPAN DURING THE
OCCUPATION. HE PASSED OVER LIST OF 8,000 MISSING FILES
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AND ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS COLLECTED IN A RECENT MINISTRY SURVEY BY PRIME MINISTER' S OFFICE IN RESPONSE TO JCP DIET INTERPOLLATIONS. MURATA EMPHASIZED THAT WHILE THE GOJ IS IN NO POSITION TO DEMAND RETURN OF THE DOCUMENTS, AND HAS NO LEGAL CLAIM TO THEM, THE POLITICAL PRESSURES IN TOKYO MIGHT REQUIRE THAT A REQUEST BE MADE IF DOCUMENTS COULD BE LOCATED.

2. FROM APRIL 3-11, MEIJI NAKAJIMA, ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION CHIEF OF NATIONAL ARCHIVES, AND HIDEO DATE OF 1' ST NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION OF FONOFF CONDUCTED A SURVEY MISSION IN WASHINGTON TO ATTEMPT TO LOCATE MISSING OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS ON LIST. ON APRIL 11, TEAM THANKED DEPARTMENT AND INSTITUTIONS INVOLVED FOR FINE COOPERATION AND SUMMARIZED RESULTS OF SURVEY AS FOLLOWS: -

A. MCCARTHUR MEMORIAL MUSEUM, NORFOLK, VA -- TEAM CONFIRMED PRELIMINARY INFORMATION THAT NO GOJ DOCUMENTS ARE CONTAINED IN THE COLLECTION. THE FEW JAPANESE LANGUAGE DOCUMENTS IN COLLECTION DERIVE FROM THE PACIFIC CAMPAIGN OUTSIDE JAPAN.

B. UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND -- THE SCAP G2 SECTION CENSORSHIP BOARD COLLECTION LOCATED AT THIS LIBRARY IS " IN PRINCIPALS DIFFERENT FROM THE TYPE OF DOCUMENTS WITHIN SCOPE OF TEAMS SURVEY, SINCE THESE MATERIALS WERE PRESENTED FOR CENSORSHIP TO OCCUPATION AUTHORITIES AFTER WAR. TEAM EXPLAINED THAT PUBLISHED MATERIALS CONTAINED IN THE COLLECTION ARE EXCEEDINGLY PRECIOUS SINCE JAPANESE INSTITUTIONS HAD NOT RETAINED COPIES OF PUBLICATIONS OF THAT PERIOD AND WERE OF CONSIDERABLE INTEREST TO JAPANESE HISTORIANS. TEAM DID NOT EXCLUDE POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION LATER OF A MICROFILM PROJECT WHICH HAD BEEN INFORMALLY BROACHED BY UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND STAFF MEMBERS IN VIEW OF IMMINENT DETERIORATION OF NEWSPAPER COLLECTION DUE TO HIGH SULFURIC ACID CONTENT OF PAPER. FYI: MARYLAND STAFF HAS INFORMALLY ADVISED DEPT THAT SOME ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN IN NEXT FEW YEARS TO MICROFILM COLLECTION BUT UNIVERSITY IS CONSTRAINED BY TIGHT BUDGET.

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C. LIBRARY OF CONGRESS -- LOC HAS RECEIVED

REQUEST FROM NATIONAL DIET LIBRARY TO RESEARCH ITS COLLECTION TO DETERMINE IF ANY OF 1836 TITLES OF BOOKS BANNED BY THOUGHT CONTROL POLICE AND NOT AVAILABLE IN DIET LIBRARY ARE IN LOC COLLECTION. OFFICIAL LOC COLLECTION IS COMPOSED ONLY OF BOOKS TURNED OVER BY THE WASHINGTON DOCUMENT CENTER. TITLE SEARCH WILL TAKE A FEW MONTHS AFTER WHICH GOJ WILL DECIDE WHETHER FURTHER ACTION -- I. E. RETURN, MICROFILM, OR EXCHANGE -- WILL BE REQUESTED. LOC IS IN PROCESS OF TRANSFERRING 400 RECENTLY DISCOVERED VOLUMES OF MANCHURIAN RAILWAY AND EAST ASIA RESEARCH INSTITUTE PAPERS TO THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES, AUTHORIZED REPOSITORY OF ALL ARCHIVAL MATERIALS, FOR FINAL DISPOSITION.

D. NATIONAL ARCHIVES -- TEAM DID NOT FIND ANY UNINTEGRATED JAPANESE GOVERNMENT FILES WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE 400 VOLUMES WHICH WILL SOON ARRIVE FROM LOC. NATIONAL ARCHIVES WILL EVALUATE THESE PAPERS; (FYI: OUR INITIAL IMPRESSION IS THAT PAPERS WOULD HAVE BEEN RETURNED IN 1958 IN EARLIER USG SEARCH OF THIS TYPE IF AVAILABLE, BUT ARCHIVES WERE INADVERTENTLY INCLUDED IN BOOK MATERIAL SENT TO LOC WHICH WAS ONLY RECENTLY INTEGRATED IN LOC COLLECTION.) JAPANESE LANGUAGE PAPERS AND SOME GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS ARE ATTACHED TO THREE U. S. OR ALLIED RECORD GROUPS: THE UNITED STATES STRATEGIC BOMBING SURVEY; (700 ARCHIVAL BOXES) THE INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST, (350 ARCHIVAL BOXES) AND THE INTERNATIONAL PROSECUTION SECTION OF SCAP (1700 ARCHIVAL BOXES). THE IPS IS CLOSED TO ALL RESEARCHERS AND WAS NOT VIEWED BY THE TEAM. FYI: DEPT IS PRESENTLY EVALUATING POLICY ON IPS. IF WARRANTED, OTHER MEMBERS OF IPS WILL NEED TO BE APPROACHED REGARDING REVIEW OF ALLIED POSITION. DECLASSIFICATION PROCEDURES FOR CLASSIFIED PAPERS IN IPS WOULD ALSO NEED TO BE INSTITUTED. IN GENERAL US GOVERNMENT OR ALLIED RECORD GROUPS ARE PROBABLY NOT CANDIDATES FOR RETURN TO JAPAN ALTHOUGH NATIONAL ARCHIVES REGULATIONS PERMIT MICROFILMING OF DOCUMENTS OF INTEREST.

3. SURVEY TEAM INDICATED THAT AFTER THEY REPORT, DECISION WILL BE TAKEN IN TOKYO ON NEXT STEPS, INCLUDING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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POSSIBLE NEGOTIATIONS. ALTHOUGH INITIAL CHANNELS WILL BE THROUGH DEPT, JAPANESE EMBASSY HAS INFORMED US THEY PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE DIRECTLY, ESPECIALLY WITH INSTITUTIONS OUTSIDE THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH. DEPT HAS PROMISED FULL COOPERATION WITH ANY FUTURE INQUIRIES,

AND ASSISTANCE IN SETTLEMENT OF PROBLEM. WE ARE
PRESENTLY ATTEMPTING TO TRACE HISTORY OF WASHINGTON
DOCUMENT CENTER AT GOJ REQUEST, SOLICIT THE CONTINUED
FULL COOPERATION OF THE INSTITUTIONS CONCERNED, SECURE
THE RELEASE TO THE GOJ OF THE 400 FILES BEING TRANSFERRED
TO THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES, AND RE- EVALUATE USG POLICY ON
THE IPS DOCUMENTS. ROGERS

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